

Median income, by age, 1998

Income differences by age are due in part to marital status differences

In every successively older age group, median income is generally lower. The striking differences by age are due in part to the disproportionate number of nonmarried women in older age groups. In every age group, nonmarried women have a lower median income than nonmarried men or married couples. Also, nonmarried women far outnumber the others in the older age groups.

Median income and percent of units, by age, sex, and marital status

Sex and marital status	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 or older
Median income					
Married couples	\$35,134	\$30,345	\$27,874	\$25,680	\$24,345
Nonmarried men	15,215	14,399	14,118	14,968	13,750
Nonmarried women	12,193	11,675	11,344	11,509	10,446
Percent of units					
Total number (in thousands)	6,483	6,179	5,333	3,834	2,815
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100
Married couples	52	46	41	33	17
Nonmarried men	14	14	14	13	18
Nonmarried women	33	39	45	54	64

Percents may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

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